



2024 Dauphin Island People's Parade

Laissez les bons temps rouler

Thank you for your interest in the Sixth Annual Town of Dauphin Island People's Parade. This year's Parade rolls January 20th, 2024, at 1pm. We are looking forward to a great and fun parade! The parade committee has worked hard to bring the community an enjoyable and safe family-friendly event. We hope that your group is as excited about the event as we are.

All parade units must be decorated. No undecorated boats, floats, cars, horses, or people will be allowed in the line-up.

The parade committee is excited to announce several categories in which awards will be given. Yes, you can actually *WIN* a parade.

Each year, we will choose one entry as the winner from the parade line-up in each of the following categories:

The John Golson Memorial Best Band Award: The best trailer band or marching band award!

Best Decorated Group: Decorate your, classic, fun, or convertible car group, horse group, or foot-marcher group!

Best in Show: The biggest, craziest, fun-nest entry. With the best throws. And Music. The winner will be the Grand Marshal for the following year's parade. The Marshal award will be chosen based on the theme, overall character, decorations, and enthusiasm.

GRAND MARSHAL FOR THIS YEAR IS *THE PERKY PELICANS!*

Prizes will be awarded in each category by the parade committee. Judges will be along the parade route.

Please complete the attached application and return it to Town Hall no later than 4pm (CST) on Friday, January 12, 2024. Incomplete applications, or applications submitted without payment will not be accepted. Non-registered groups, or groups that do not follow parade rules or standards will not be allowed in the line-up.

There is a limited amount of space in the parade. We reserve the right to stop accepting applications at any time. **After your application is reviewed and accepted, you will receive a parade permit. This must be displayed on the driver's side dashboard of the parade unit.** The parade committee reserves the right to refuse any application or remove any unit from the line-up.

General Requirements-

This is a family friendly parade. Obscene or lewd behavior and decorations will not be tolerated. Parade units participating in offensive, unsafe, or irresponsible behavior will be sanctioned or banned from future events on Dauphin Island. **NO VULGAR MUSIC. NO THROWS ATTACHED TO POLES OR FISHING POLES TEASING THE CROWD**

Children are allowed on floats, or to ride in vehicles, but must be well supervised. Children are not allowed in the foot marching section. Only approved performance groups may have participants under 18 years of age as parade walkers.

Route and Line-up-

All approved parade units must be assembled in the lineup area between 9 and 11am on parade day. No extra parking is available in the line-up area so ride down on your parade unit, or carpool please. Only temporary unloading is allowed. After you unload, move to parking area.

The Parade route starts at The Sea-Lab, travels west down Bienville Blvd; and ends near the Island Rainbow Restaurant at Bienville and Penicault St. The route is approximately 3 miles. Units may park cars on the rights of way near the end of the route and disband floats in this area. Please do not block roadways or private drives.

Advertising-

You are encouraged to advertise your business or organization. All advertising must be in good taste and attached to the parade unit in a safe manner.

Foot Marchers- No entry fee

It is free to enter as a foot marcher. You must sign in by noon at the lineup with the Parade Marshal. Recognized Mystic Groups may sign in as group with a head count of participating members. All Foot Marchers must be in costume with mask or face paint. Participants must be over 18 years old and physically able to keep parade pace for 3 miles with no stops.

Dance Troupes, Truck Bands and Performance groups- Free upon approval

The Parade committee will accept a limited number of performance groups. To apply please contact the parade committee at 251-861-5525. Businesses willing to sponsor a truck band may apply to have their entry fee waived

Recognized Equestrian Groups-

Horse groups are free to enter. Only recognized equestrian groups will be invited to participate. Riders must be in costume, uniform, or mask. Proper Equestrian headgear is required. All participating horses must be "bomb proof" and parade experienced. Horses must be presentable. No thin or malnourished equines will be allowed in the line-up. Horse units must apply in advance. You must sign in by noon at the lineup with the Parade Marshal. All equestrian units are subject to inspection and will be allowed in the parade at the discretion of the Equestrian Marshal.

Floats or Trailers- \$25

Floats or trailers must be of sturdy construction and have substantial sides and a barricade or gate across the back. The towing vehicle must be street legal, able to keep pace with the parade, and driven by a licensed and responsible driver. All towing vehicles must register in advance and provide a copy of the driver's license and current insurance with the parade application. **Absolutely no one will be allowed to ride in the back of pickup trucks.** All Floats or trailers are required to have a fire extinguisher on board. Please designate if your unit will have speakers or music. Floats with bathrooms may be inspected by the Health Department. Toilet paper and hand sanitizer are required.

Boats on Trailers- \$25

Decorate and enter your boat. The Coast Guard weight limit of the boat must be observed. The towing vehicle must be street legal, able to keep pace with the parade, and driven by a licensed and responsible driver. All towing vehicles must register in advance and provide a copy of the driver's license and current insurance with the parade application. **Absolutely no one will be allowed to ride in the back of pickup trucks.** All Boats are required to have a fire extinguisher on board. Please designate if your unit will have speakers or music. Boats with bathrooms may be inspected by the Health Department. Toilet paper and hand sanitizer are required.

Individual Decorated Classic Car, Fun, or Antique Car- \$25

Individual Car entries must be approved by the parade committee. Please submit a description and sketch for consideration. *If the parade is full of undecorated cars, its not a parade. It's a traffic jam!* The vehicle must be street legal, able to keep pace with the parade, and driven by a licensed and responsible driver. All vehicles must register in advance and provide a copy of the driver's license and current insurance with the parade application.

Recognized Classic Car Groups, Car Clubs, or Motorcycle Groups- \$100

Groups may enter up to 10 or more vehicles in a club or group of similar vehicles. The vehicles must be street legal, able to keep pace with the parade, and driven by a licensed and responsible driver. All vehicles must register in advance and provide a copy of the driver's license and current insurance with the parade application.

Convertible vehicles may apply to enter the parade for free to carry a dignitary or VIP participant of the Parade committee's choice. The VIP must be able to ride in the back seat, one driver and front seat passenger will be allowed. VIP vehicles will still be required to register and provide insurance information.

**No single driver cars will be allowed in the event. Drivers must be focused on driving and have passengers to throw items.*

Few Reminders:

Please complete the attached application and return it with any applicable fees and documentation.

By Mail:

Parade Committee

1011 Bienville Blvd.,

Dauphin Island, AL 36528.

Fax:

251-861-2154

Email:

DIpeoplesparade@gmail.com

*Checks should be made payable to: **The Town of Dauphin Island***

To pay by credit card, call Town Hall at 251-861-5525 x 222, or stop by during business hours.

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Float _____ Trailer _____ Boat _____ Vehicle Group ___ (# _____) Horses _____ (# _____)

Does your parade unit have speakers or a band on board? _____

Contact Person _____ Phone Number _____

Email _____ Home Address _____

Vehicle Information

Make _____ Model _____

Year _____ Tag Number _____

Driver Name _____ Driver's License Number and State _____

Insurance Carrier _____ Expiration Date _____ Policy Number _____

- For vehicle groups please list the group organizer above. Attach Insurance and driver info for each vehicle. All vehicles will be inspected by DIPD for safety, license, and Insurance at the line-up.

Sign Here: _____

I have read and agree to abide by all parade rules and requirements

Describe your parade unit or leave notes for the parade committee here:

Office use only Assigned # _____

Date received _____ Payment received _____ Approved by _____